

AMENDMENTS

In the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 5, line 1, with the following rewritten paragraph:

--*Figures 1 A-F* depict a DNA sequence (SEQ ID NO:1) and predicted amino acid sequence (SEQ ID NO:2) of human 23430. The methionine-initiated open reading frame of human 23430 (without the 5' and 3' untranslated regions) extends from nucleotide position 1 to position 3129 of SEQ ID NO:3, not including the terminal codon.--